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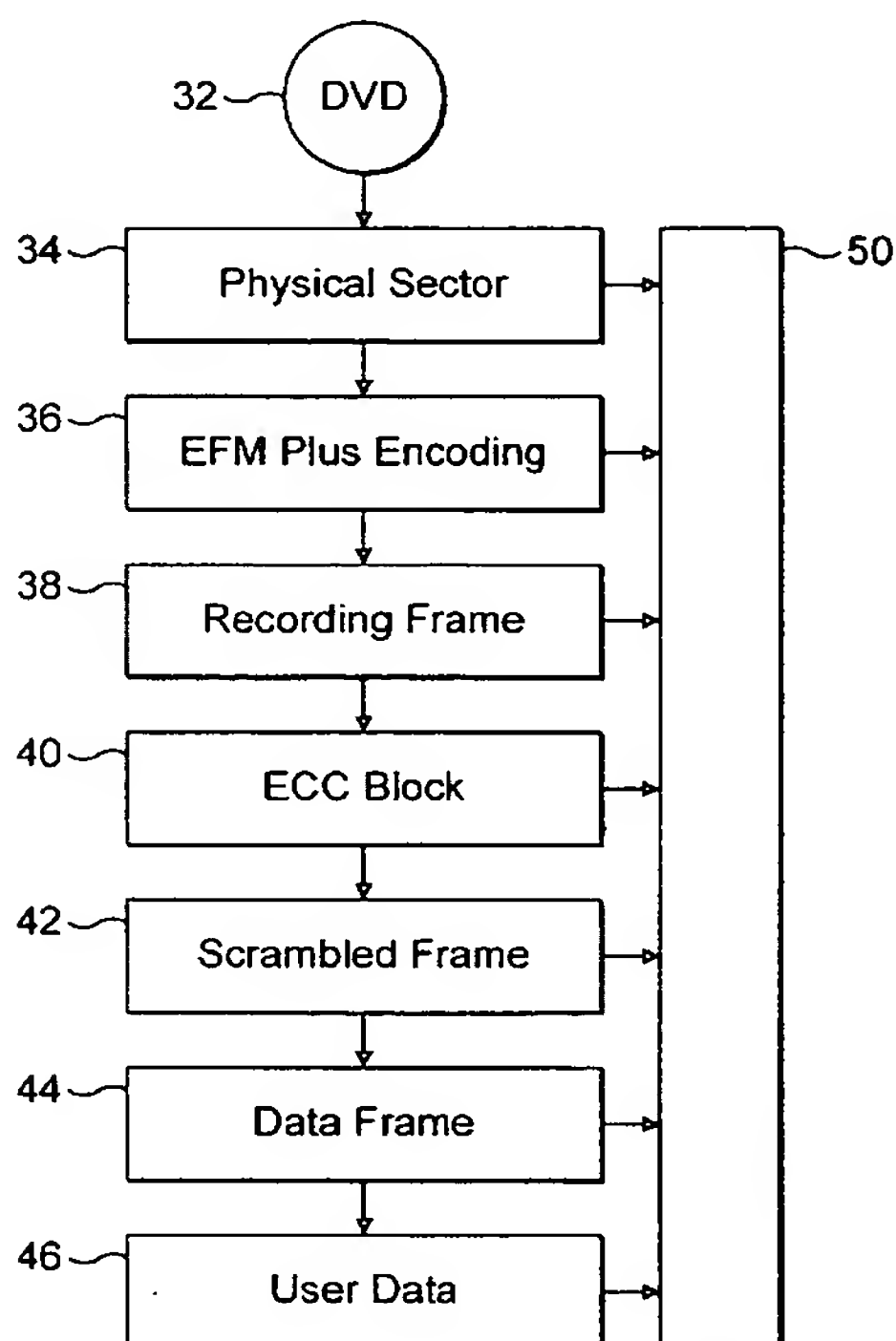
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(54) Title: COPYING COPY PROTECTED OPTICAL DISCS



(57) Abstract: To copy a copy protected DVD (32), and thereby
subvert the copy protection technique, a DVD drive (50) is con-
trolled by a disc copying program (54) to access data at a level other
than that at the user data level. For example, if it is the data frame
(44) which is read, the DVD drive (50) is controlled to write a data
frame (12) to a copy disc (52). During the copying process, the
program (54) may be arranged to remove sector IDs and error de-
tection codes from the read data frames (44) and to generate new
sector IDs and appropriate ID error detection codes for the data
frames (12) to be written to the copy disc (52). This circumvents
any copy protection which has been incorporated in the identifica-
tion data in a data frame of the original disc (52).

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